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Arts Educators,

Thank you for your patience and efforts to provide our young artists, dancers, musicians, actors, and artistic technicians with valuable arts education opportunities. Your care and support in building our students' artistic skills and knowledge highlights a truly dedicated group of professionals.

In your work to navigate the educational and school community challenges faced in the pandemic, several resources have been made available. These include specific program guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, your school district, and local health departments. Please refer to these organizations as your primary resources for school programming.

Another resource to consider is a guidance document, Education Forward, from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. This document's purpose and intent is described within the June 22, 2020 Education Forward press release - <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2020-47.pdf>. Education Forward is a dynamic piece that offers guidance to the field and is informed by the Department of Health Services (DHS). The content specific guidelines, including the COVID-19 Arts Education Considerations, is also informed by DHS. I have shared additional resources and the International Coalition of Performing Arts Aerosol Study Report 3 with WI DPI for future revision considerations for the arts education guidance document. Thank you for continuing to share your feedback.

Sincerely,



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